assessment, market analysis, marketing segmentation, marketing support etc.

To encourage design and development in the field of computer software and software engineering.

To train professionals in the field of software technology and software engineering.

The facilities provided under NSIC-STP are:—

"Clean room" conditions.

Stand by power supply through Diesel Generating set and stablised supply (of DESU).

International data communication channels.

One telephone line for each unit.

Business Centre with facilities like photocopy, fax machines etc.

Pantry facilities.

With the above facilities sites are ready for occupation to operationalise the activities of user SSI units. 15 units are expected to be accommodated in the park.

Applications received for patenting

6452. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications for patents have been received from foreign companies with regard to traditionally Indian products such as 'Neem' products, 'Amla' products, 'Ayurvedic' products, herbal products etc;

(b) if so, what are the products of this nature for which such applications are received; and

(c) what is Government's policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Applications have been received from foreign companies for process patents for preparing neem oil and other herbs.

(c) As per the provisions of the Patents Act, 1970, medicines or drugs are not patentable but the process for manufacture of these substances is patentable.

Setting up of National Quality Council

6453. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a National Quality Council in the country;

(b) if so, what will be the main functions of the Council; and

(c) how many members will be inducted into the Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The proposal regarding setting up of National Quality Council is under consideration of the Government.

Activities of National Small Industries Corporation in Andhra Pradesh

6454. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Small Industries Corporation has financed and new units in Andhra Pradesh in 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NSIC has been inactive in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps proposed to enhance the activities of National small Industries Corporation in Andhra Pradesh?